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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and any additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

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3. ☐ Consideration of the following list of additional information (including any copending or abandoned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.
4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:
- a. ☒ a full English language translation submitted herewith,
- b. ☒ a foreign patent office Office Action (with English translation) submitted herewith,
- c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
- d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. ☐ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
5. ☒ A foreign patent office Office Action citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

6. [X] Comments:

The foreign patent office Office Action referred to above in items 4b and 5 is a Notification of Reason(s) for Rejection issued in connection with Japanese Application No. 2003-148565 corresponding to the present U.S. application. A copy of the Office Action and English translation thereof are enclosed. The Office Action cites the JP '377 and JP '992 references which were cited in Applicants' earlier IDS of November 23, 2005. English abstracts of those references, as well as the other two Japanese references cited in the earlier IDS, were filed on December 29, 2005. At this time, Applicants are submitting herewith complete English translations of both of the JP '377 and JP '992 references, which are cited on the attached PTO-1449 form, along with the Notice of Reason(s) for Rejection.

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